Maps for family historians - sources

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The number of works describing and reproducing of maps, of London in particular, is large. This small selection in recommended; the first four cover maps in general with the remainder being London specific, or specialist covering a type of map.

Maps for Historians, Paul Hindle, Phillimore, 1998 with reprint, £14.99, hardback 148 pages. The best survey of the field for any type of historian. Much recommended.
English Maps: A history, Catherine Delano-Smith and Roger Kain, The British Library, 1999, paperback, 320 pages. A superb survey with numerous illustrations. A comprehensive bibliography in included. Perhaps too comprehensive for a starter.
Essential Maps for Family Historians, Charles Masters, Paperback, 2009. An excellent survey, available on amazon, new £12.99, and also second hand.

- Map your past, *Family History Monthly*, November 2008, p 24-29, Alan Ruston.

- Printed Maps of London 1553-1850, James Howgego, Dawson, 1978 and after.

- Printed Maps of Victorian London 1851-1900, Ralph Hyde, Dawson, 1975.

- The Village London Atlas, The Changing Face of Greater London 1822-1903, Village Press, 1986 and later.

- *Maps for family and local historians (*Tithe, Valuation Office and National Farm Survey 1836-1943), Will1am Foot 1994, Revised G Beech and B Mitchell, 2004.

Modern copies of historic maps

Besides Ordnance Survey (from circa 1801) www ordnancesurvey.com is a massive site for purchase of modern maps: there were many commercial map providers in the 19th century, modern copies of which can be obtained from various sources.

- Godfrey edition of maps, 14 inch to the mile maps covering the country. 170 for London alone. www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk

Old House Books, Moretonhamstead TQ13 8PW produced street maps of London in particular as well as for specific areas of England and Wales. Check amazon for these.
 London Topographical Society <u>www.topsoc.org</u> is devoted to maps and views of London and area. It has produced six A-Z maps of London at various periods – Elizabethan, Restoration, Georgian, Regency, Victorian (Bacon's map 1888) and Edwardian (Bacon 1912), all fully indexed.

Valuable websites

- British Library <u>www.bl.uk/collections/maps</u> is a comprehensive guide to the whole massive field that possesses one of the largest map collections in the world.

- National Library of Scotland. <u>www.maps.nls.uk</u> has a national coverage of maps available for searching on line.

- The London Metropolitan Archives has a superb collection of London maps, some surrounding areas. www.cityoflondon.gov.uk

- Cassini <u>www.cassinimaps.com</u> allows you to order maps for specific areas on line for different periods from the early 19th century onwards.

- www.mappalondon.com and archivemaps.com/Mapco/ has numerous maps of London to see for free, including Stanford 1862 which is searchable down to specific areas and streets, plus other 19th century maps.

Stanfords in London is the world's largest book retailer of maps and related works, covering the world. See www.stanfords.co,uk